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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRESIDENT'S TRIP

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1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED SUNDAY CHRONICLE OF APRIL 2 CARRIED ON
INSIDE PAGE UNDER HEAD, "CARTER'S APPRECIATION OF 3RD WORLD
PROBLEMS" SUMMARY OF EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED IN RULING PNC
WEEKLY PAPER, NEW NATION OF SAME DATE.

2. CHRONICLE SUMMARY SAID NEW NATION DESCRIBED PRESIDENT
CARTER'S LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN VISIT AS HIGHLIGHTING
OF A BASIC POLICY EMPHASIS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, THAT
IS TO KEEP IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THIRD WORLD STATES,
THEREBY DEMONSTRATING A NEW U.S. APPRECIATION OF THE PROBLEMS
OF THE UNDER-DEVELOPED.

3. CONTINUING, SUMMARY ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER USED VENEZUELA VISIT TO PUSH HIS FAVORITE THEME,
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HUMAN RIGHTS, AND PRAISED PRESIDENT PEREZ FOR HIS COMMITMENT
TO THE GUARANTEE OF SUCH RIGHTS.

4. ARTICLE ADDED THAT MANY OBSERVERS CONSIDER THAT ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF HUGE AID FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS WAS NOT
MERE COINCIDENCE.

5. REFERENCE MADE TO VERY WARM RECEPTION OF PRESIDENT IN BRAZIL, ALTHOUGH U.S.-BRAZIL RELATIONS NOT VERY GOOD. REPORT CITES KISSINGER ERA, WHEN ACCORDING TO ARTICLE BRAZIL WAS URGED TO TAKE ON TASK OF ACTING AS WATCHDOG FOR U.S. OVER SPREAD OF SOCIALISM IN LATIN AMERICA AND WAS UPGRADED TO SUPER POWER STATUS BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AT THAT TIME.

6. CONCLUDING SUMMARY QUOTES EDITORIAL AS FOLLOWS: "PROMISE OF SOPHISTICATED MILITARY AID WAS GIVEN AND A REGULAR TIME-TABLE WAS ANNOUNCED FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY TOP U.S. AND BRAZILIAN LEADERS.

7. "IN THE MEANTIME, THE HARSH REALITY IS THAT BRAZIL HAS SUFFERED TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC REVERSAL, AND HAS OPENLY CLASHED WITH THE NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUPPLY OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FROM WEST GERMANY.

8. "IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT THE ROLE OF NOT ONLY LATIN AMERICAN BUT ALSO CARIBBEAN WATCHDOG HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO CHILE AND WE ALL KNOW THE ZEAL WITH WHICH THE LATTER HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT THIS TASK, E.G., ITS SUSPICIOUSLY WARM LIAISON WITH GRENADA.

9. "WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S. CHEIF EXECUTIVE'S VISIT TO BRAZIL, THE NEW NATION SAID IT WAS NOT KNOWN IF, AS HAPPENED AFTER KISSINGER'S VISIT THERE, THERE WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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A SUDDEN EMERGENCE OF HOSTILITY BETWEEN BRAZIL AND GUYANA.

10. "THIS IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, SINCE NOT ONLY HAS THE ALLEGED THREAT OF GUYANA BEEN DISCREDITED, BUT ALSO BRAZIL OBSERVER STATUS IN THE THIRD WORLD, COJOINED WITH THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES SHE FACES, HAS MADE HER MUCH MORE APPRECIATIVE OF THIRD WORLD CAUSES." WEBER

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